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OFFICE OF LOGISTICS STATUS OF ACTION
AND/OR OBSERVATIONS ON FIELD COMMENTS

1. PERSONNEL.

a. Field Comment: Qualifications of Logistics personnel sent overseas could be improved. To do a good job the personnel should be generalists and not specialists.

Status: Every effort is being made to improve qualifications of Logistics personnel sent overseas by better training (within limitation of the deadline established by the Area Division) combined with higher personnel standards for overseas assignments.

b. Field Comment: DIRECTOR 32512 dated 8 November 1955 turned down a request to convert [REDACTED] to staff status. It was felt by the [REDACTED] Base that he had an excellent background in hotel work, mess, and clubs and could rotate many other field locations.

Status: [REDACTED] could not be accepted for staff employment with the Office of Logistics due to the fact that there is no position at Headquarters for which he is qualified. His case was referred to the Administration Career Board by FE Division; and that Board could not utilize him on a staff basis either.

c. Field Comment: [REDACTED] Chief of Administration, [REDACTED] wants to know who the replacements will be for [REDACTED].

Status: The proposed replacement for [REDACTED] could not accept a field assignment at this time; a subsequent replacement will be selected at the Logistics Career Board Meeting to be held 3 April 1956. No replacement will be required for [REDACTED] as his position has been abolished on the new T/O. [REDACTED] is being kept informed on these developments.

d. Field Comment: [REDACTED] on contract assignment to [REDACTED] Training Station in Transportation, desires to convert to a staff status.

Status: [REDACTED] Garage Superintendent, [REDACTED] was considered for staff employment; but after review of his file here no position could be located for him within the Office of Logistics. It is understood that T&S also reviewed [REDACTED] file. FE Division has advised [REDACTED] by dispatch that he will be allowed ten (10) days' TDY at Headquarters in order to survey possible Headquarters assignments. If he does not locate a position during that time, his contract will be terminated.

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2. REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION.

25X1A a. Field Comment: At [REDACTED] the Commo mobile units are stored outside the warehouse. The warehouse roof would have to be raised in order to accommodate these units inside the warehouse.

Status: Discussions with Office of Communications indicate that it was not their intention to store these mobile units inside the warehouses. However, if deemed necessary, dehumidifiers will be placed in the units. As a matter of interest, this warehouse is currently the standard type utilized by the [REDACTED] in that area.

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25X1A b. Field Comment: [REDACTED] will present a project for construction of a sea wall at [REDACTED] at an estimated cost of \$45,000.

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Status: No construction project for a sea wall at [REDACTED] has yet been presented by the field or FE Division to this Office.

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3. SUPPLY DIVISION.

25X1A a. Field Comment: [REDACTED] stated that revised forms were not being sent to the field.

Status: As revised forms become available, they are being sent to field installations; however, in fulfilling such requirements, existing stocks of superseded forms which can still be used are issued until exhausted. Field installations are being periodically advised both as to forms currently approved for use by field installations and of forms which have become obsolete, together with necessary disposition instructions.

b. Field Comment: The FE Support Base felt that Logistics requirements should be prepared at the same time as the budget.

Status: The desirability of preparing logistics requirements at the same time as the budget has long been recognized. Headquarters, however, has had to consider the time required for its processing to permit funds to be requested in sufficient time to assure uninterrupted operation from the start of each fiscal year. The present policy of requirements forecasting is now under intensive study to determine whether to continue field submission of requirements or to rely on Headquarters issue experience plus any specific information available to the Area Division. In the event the decision is to continue the present system, every effort will be made to satisfy the desire of the field and to align their requirements forecasting as closely as possible to budget submissions.

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c. Field Comment: The Support Base stated that medical equipment and supplies valued between \$80,000 and \$100,000 are being returned [REDACTED]

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Status: The authority to dispose of the above excess material (5 each operating tables, valued at \$15,000 each, and some neuro-surgical kits) was granted by the Medical Staff in cable (OUT 66547) on 28 February 1955. The cable was concurred in by this Office.

25X1A d. Field Comment: [REDACTED] requested authority to stock typewriters.

25X1A **Status:** No formal request has been received by this Office from [REDACTED] or authority to stock typewriters. However, the Support Base at [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] Sub-Depot are charged with stocking and providing administrative support type equipment to the FE area and, unless unusual circumstances prevail, this Office does not contemplate granting authority to using stations in that area (such as [REDACTED]) to stock office equipment of this type. 25X1A

25X1A e. Field Comment: [REDACTED] requested prior notification on all Headquarters shipments and cited the following examples:

(1) Buses were received before cable notice from Headquarters that they were being shipped.

(2) A 10 ton refrigerator van was received and in use before notification on its shipment was received.

25X1A (3) Some [REDACTED] equipment (90 ft. poles and heavy equipment) was received before shipment notification.

(4) An automobile was received in [REDACTED] two weeks before the Bill of Lading arrived. 25X1A

25X1A **Status:** This Office has long been aware of situations such as those cited and has been trying for two years to establish a satisfactory solution, but has not entirely succeeded. Shipments depart before the final steps in preparing transmittal dispatches for shipping documents can be accomplished, coordinated through the various offices, and placed in pouching channels. Until the shipment leaves, these final documents cannot be prepared as the information is incomplete. It is anticipated utilization of the [REDACTED] procedure will alleviate somewhat the time required for intra-Headquarters coordination. In many instances, where other agencies (i.e., [REDACTED]) are handling this shipment for us, receipt of the information by this Office is often delayed considerably due to the routine and time-consuming channels that must be followed in processing the information to us. Recently, some progress in certain areas of this problem was made when Office of Security authorized inclusion of [REDACTED] 25X1C

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f. Field Comment: [REDACTED] also requested prior notification on shipments from Headquarters and cited one example where the station had received 27 cases of grenades which had not been ordered by the station.

Status: The requisition for these items may have originated with the Area Division at Headquarters; in any event, the same comments regarding advance shipping notifications as made in the preceding paragraph are applicable.

4. TRANSPORTATION DIVISION.

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a. Field Comment: [REDACTED] made an observation on contradicting cables regarding weight allowances for household effects.

Status: There has been some past confusion on the weight allowances authorized for household effects. This Office has endeavored to clarify the matter and, in recent months, has not had any specific indication from the field that would imply that further clarification was required.

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b. Field Comment: [REDACTED] requested that Headquarters approval of its TVA be expedited.

Status: This Office has not recommended approval of the [REDACTED] TVA since the impending consolidation of the functions of that station will have a significant effect on their vehicle requirements. At such time as the consolidation is effected, it has been agreed by FE Division that a new TVA will be submitted.

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c. Field Comment: [REDACTED] requested Headquarters approval of its TVA and stated that the station required one truck specifically for movement of furniture between dependent housing and warehouses.

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Status: Processing of the [REDACTED] TVA was originally held up pending receipt of complete justification for vehicles assigned to Projects [REDACTED], each of which is an integral part of this station TVA. The additional justification was not furnished until 15 February 1956, and the [REDACTED] TVA has since been forwarded for approval and distribution. Although the subject of a truck to be used for movement of furniture was discussed with a representative of this Office during a period of temporary duty performed in 1955 at the [REDACTED] Station, no vehicle was requested for this purpose in the TVA submitted by that Station. However, the FE Division Logistics Office has informed a representative of this Office that the new Chief of [REDACTED] Station is planning to resurvey the vehicle requirements for [REDACTED] and might submit for approval a revised TVA.

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d. Field Comment: [REDACTED] requested that shipments from the XI be made from Bayonne, New Jersey; Seattle, Washington; or Norfolk, Virginia,

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